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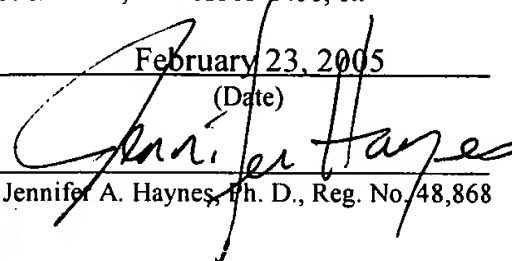
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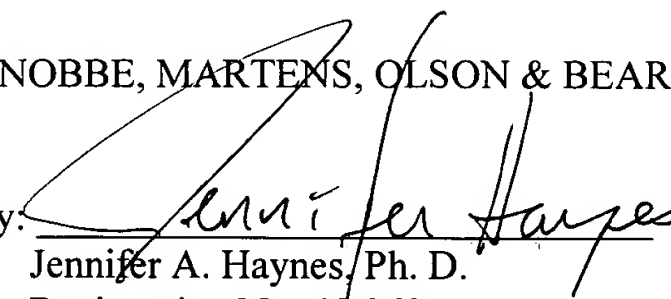
Our file for the subject application indicates that the PTO has not yet updated the title of this application as requested in the amendment filed December 3, 2003. As indicated on the attached copy, the title was amended to "A METHOD FOR PREPARING A SAMPLE FOR ANALYSIS OF PRECIOUS METAL CONTENT."

We respectfully request verification that the Patent Office has accepted the amended title, and also request that the files of the Patent Office, including the Patent Application Information Retrieval system, be updated to reflect the change.

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